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AND THE STRUCTURE THUS PRODUCED**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**Mail Stop Issue Fee  
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowance mailed January 23, 2004.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art fails to teach or suggest the present invention as defined by the claims, particularly independent claims 1, 19, and 26.

Respectfully submitted,

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